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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: SOVDEL VISITS
TO U.S. 05.00

1. DOT HAS EXPERIENCED SOME ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN HOSTING SOVIET DELEGATIONS. THESE DIFFICULTIES WERE DISCUSSED ON AUGUST 14 WITH ISHCHENKO WHO WAS ADVISED THAT FORMAL PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE THEM WOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS. DOT HOSTS MAKE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBJECT VISITS, I.E., OFFICIAL WELCOMING PARTIES AT AIRPORTS FOR ESCORTING VISITORS TO HOTEL (USUALLY WITH DOT-CHAUFFEURED CARS); SPECIFIC HOTEL AND PLANE RESERVATIONS FOR CONUS TRAVEL; AND DEFINITE, DIFFICULT TO RESCHEDULE, APPOINTMENTS WITH OFFICIALS OF OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OR PRIVATE INDUSTRY. ANY DEPARTURE FROM PROGRAM AT ELEVENTH HOUR CREATES PROBLEMS WHICH DISRUPT VISIT. ACCORDINGLY, DOT PROPOSES THE

FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WHICH SCIOFF IS REQUESTED TO RAISE
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WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF SCST:

-- A. ARRIVAL.

-- WHEN DATES FOR VISITS CONFIRMED, DOT ASSUMES
-- SOVDELS WILL ARRIVE IN ONE GROUP ON AEROFLOT
-- FLIGHT TO U.S. SCHEDULED FOR THE BEGINNING
-- DATE OF THE VISIT. DOT HOSTS EXPECT TO BE
-- IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF ANY OTHER ARRIVAL
-- FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS EITHER VIA U.S. EMBASSY
-- TELEGRAM; DIRECT TELEX TO M. ALLEN, DOT/TPI-42,
-- 89-2427, USCG HEADQUARTERS; OR BY CALL TO
-- SOVIET EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER, TEL: 202-628-7551
-- FOR PASSING TO DOT.

-- B. NEW YORK ARRIVALS.

-- SCARCITY OF EVENING FLIGHTS FROM JFK AIRPORT,
-- NEW YORK, TO WASHINGTON CAUSES PARTICULAR
-- DIFFICULTIES. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ONLY TWO
-- FLIGHTS FROM JFK NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON WHICH
-- CONNECT WITH THE AEROFLOT EVENING ARRIVAL:

-- THE 2030 NATIONAL NO. 491 TO WASHINGTON
-- NATIONAL (WNA) AND THE 2245 ALLEGHENY NO. 449
-- TO BWI (FRIENDSHIP). IN THE FUTURE, DOT WILL
-- INFORM SOVDELS OF PARTICULAR FLIGHT
-- RESERVATIONS MADE FOR THIS N.Y. TO WASHINGTON
-- PORTION OF THE TRIP. IN THE EVENT ANY SOVDEL
-- IS NOT ABLE TO BOARD THE RESERVED FLIGHT TO
-- WASHINGTON, THE DUTY OFFICER AT THE SOVIET
-- EMBASSY OR M. ALLEN, RESIDENCE TEL:
-- 703-765-9455, SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY
-- ADVISED. THE DELEGATION SHOULD THEN ARRANGE
-- TO TAKE THE FIRST 0700 EASTERN AIRLINE SHUTTLE
-- FROM LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, FOR WHICH RESERVATIONS
-- ARE UNNECESSARY, TO WNA THE FOLLOWING DAY.

-- C. CONUS TRAVEL/TICKETS.

-- IN MANY INSTANCES ITINERARIES CALL FOR VISITS
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-- TO LESSER KNOWN AREAS OF U.S. TO WHICH
-- AEROFLOT WILL NOT PROVIDE TICKETING. RECENT
-- EXAMPLE: ALL SIX URBAN TRANSPORT DELEGATION
-- MEMBERS ARRIVED MONDAY A.M. (AFTER DECIDING TO
-- REMAIN IN N.Y. SUNDAY EVENING WHILE DOT
-- WELCOMING PARTY AWAITED ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON)

-- UNTICKETED FOR THREE LEGS OF THE ITINERARY.

- IF COMPLETE TICKETING OF SOVDELS CANNOT BE
- ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE DEPARTURE, SOVDELS SHOULD
- BE PROVIDED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR
- UNTICKETED PORTIONS OF ITINERARY AS U.S. DELS
- DO WHEN VISITING USSR.

2. PLEASE ADVISE DOT ALLEN, TPI-42, OF SOVIET REACTION
TO ABOVE PROPOSALS. ROBINSON

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